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The Honorable Christopher H. Smith United States House of Representatives New Jersey's Fourth Congressional District 2373 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Re:

Koleda Property Redevelopment

Federal Stimulus Funding

Dear Representative Smith:

Please accept this letter as my support for the funding of Middletown Township's request for \$1 million and its plan to improve and redevelop the Koleda Property. The property is located near two of the Township's most actively used recreational areas, Shadow Lake and Poricy Park. This project will provide much-needed access to these areas, it will result in a clean-up of property that has some soil contamination and a result of the previous owner and historic uses.

The proposed new driveway will be utilized by the immediately adjacent River Plaza Elementary School. It will disperse vehicular and school bus access, thus significantly improving overall traffic circulation in the area, which at peak times is very congested.

Additionally, the Township has received a 1 million Safe Route's to School grant that is currently underway and designed to greatly improve pedestrian safety to and from the elementary school from the southerly direction. This project blends perfectly, as it will provide similar improved access for vehicles and pedestrians traveling the area and accessing the school.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding my support of this project. Thank

you for your consideration

All the best

Tony Perry

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Township Committee Township Administrator